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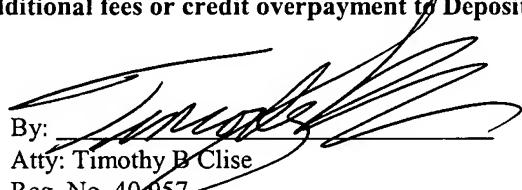
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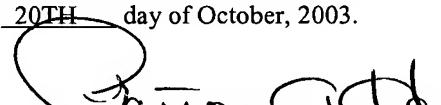
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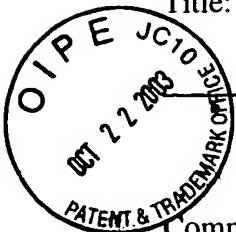
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the enclosed materials are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicant respectfully requests that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, Applicant requests that a copy of the 1449 form, initialed as being considered by the Examiner, be returned to the Applicant with the next official communication.

Applicant herewith includes a copy of an Austrian Patent Office Search report for a corresponding patent application. This Search Report indicates that German language documents DE 42 23 346 C2 and DE 42 34 300 C2 are "A" category documents. MPEP 609 states that this category indication meets the requirements for a concise statement of relevance.

Applicant further informs the USPTO that U.S. Patent No. 5,587,969, copy enclosed, is part of the same patent family as EP 0 689 679, copy enclosed.

Enclosed is an English translation of the abstract for the Stand der Technik in der Signalverarbeitung (Echofoz), German document.

Applicant further informs the USPTO that DE 44 073 69 is in German and includes an English language abstract. Consideration of DE 44 073 69 under MPEP 609 is requested.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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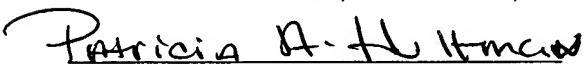
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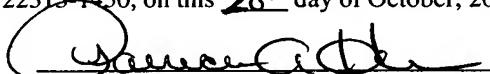
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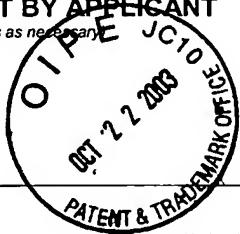

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